

TEREBELLA FLAVICOMA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Corpus oblongum, repens, nudum, penicillis
branchiisque lateralibus.

Tentacula capillaria, ciliata.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

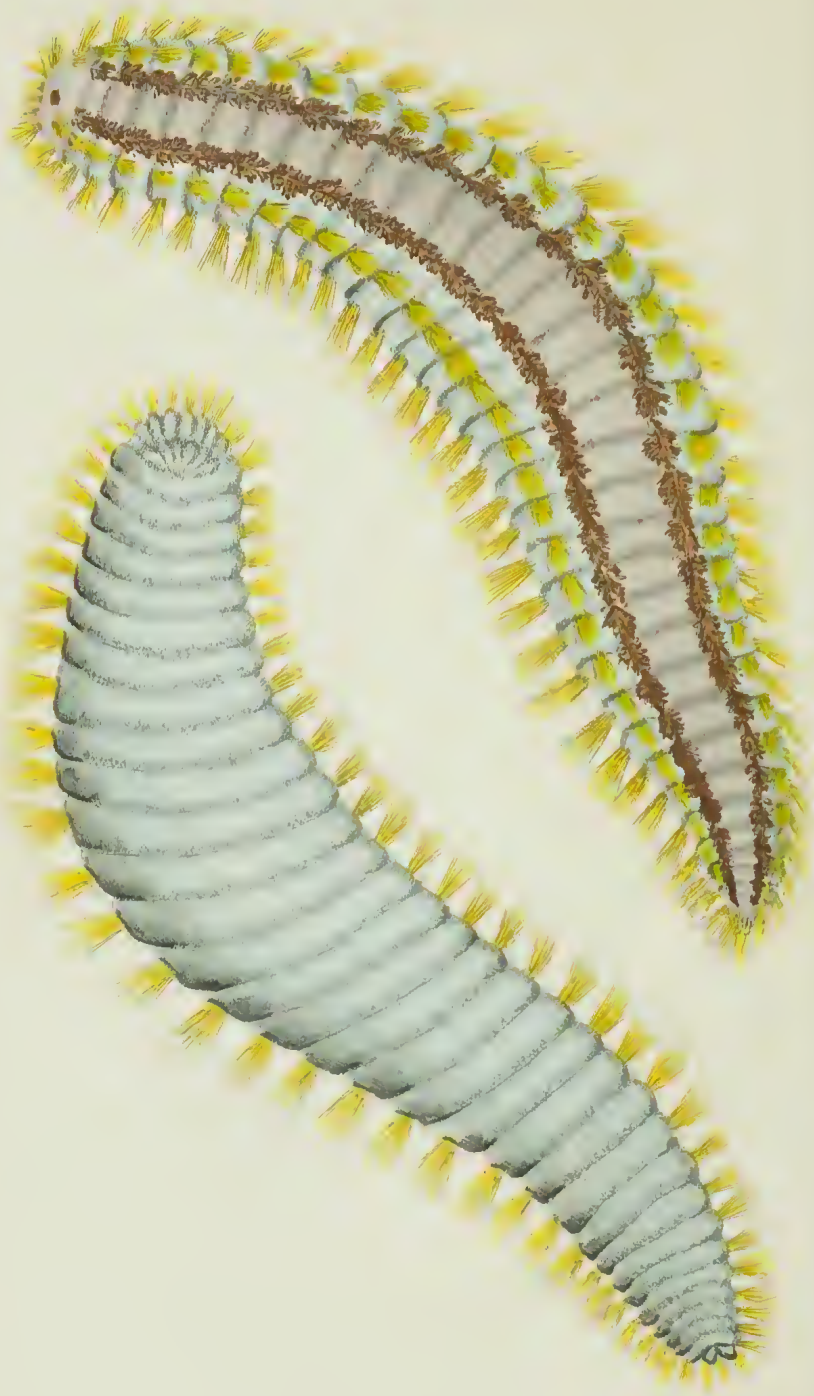
TEREBELLA depressa, branchiis utrinque 37,
cauda bifurca.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3114.

APHRODITA FLAVA.

Pall. Misc. Zool. p. 97. t. 8. f. 7.—11.

Animalium istorum marinorum, quæ Terebellæ vocantur, accedit prope forma generalis ad Nereidum et Aphroditarum similitudinem. In cavis rupium degunt nonnullæ species: aliæ tubos quosdam incolunt flexiles et quasi coriaceos, sua arte fabricatos. E maximis est generis Terebella flavicoma, et in oceano Indico innascitur. Veram magnitudinem repræsentat tabula.



THE YELLOW-HAIRED TERESELLA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Body oblong, repent, with lateral fascicles and branchiæ.

Tentacula capillary and ciliated.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

DEPRESSED TERESELLA, with about 37 branchiæ on each side, and forked tail.

The Terebellæ are marine animals, in their general appearance resembling those of the genus Nereis. They are also pretty nearly allied to the Aphroditæ. Some species inhabit the cavities of rocks, and others a kind of flexible or leather-like tubes of their own composition. The species here represented in its natural size is one of the largest of the genus, and is a native of the Indian ocean.